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Statewide Summary of Montana's 2001-02 Traffic Education Programs

(From the period of July 1, 2001– June 30, 2002)

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT:

166	high school districts were eligible to offer a traffic education program.
147	high school districts offered a state-approved traffic education program.
13,004	students were eligible to enroll in traffic education.
9,999	students completed traffic education.

WHEN OFFERED:

34	districts offered the program during regular school hours .
74	districts offered the program after school hours .
98	districts offered the program in the summer .

PROGRAM FEES:

49	high school districts charged a fee during the first semester ; 65 during the second semester ; and 96 during the summer . The minimum fee charged was \$20.00 . The maximum fee charged was \$340.00 . The mode fee charged was \$100.00 .
28	plan , for the upcoming school year and summer, to increase the fee charged students.

PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS:

56	district granted credit for successful completion of traffic education.
132	districts screened students for visual acuity.
74	districts employed a traffic and safety education coordinator and/or supervisor .
72	districts offered pedestrian safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
99	districts offered school bus rider safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
76	districts offered bicycle safety instruction in the elementary and middle schools.
64	districts offered traffic education for adult beginners.
135	districts provided traffic education for students with disabilities .
132	districts taught an instructional unit on sharing the road with motorcycles .
142	districts emphasized and required the use of seatbelts .
138	districts used Montana's current Traffic Education Curriculum Guide for its high school program.
23	districts conducted follow-up research on student performance (violations/accidents).
143	districts taught an instructional unit on the effects of alcohol/drug use in driving.
82	districts involved parents in the Traffic Education program.
107	districts participated in the Cooperative Driver Testing Program (CDTP) .
71	districts utilized computers in their program.
102	districts used the OPI website to obtain traffic education information.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND RATES OF PAY:

25	full-time teachers were employed.
278	part-time teachers were employed.
\$12.00	per hour is the minimum rate paid.
\$36.00	per hour is the maximum rate paid.
\$15.00	per hour is the mode minimum rate paid.
\$15.00	per hour is the mode maximum rate paid.

VEHICLES:

296	vehicles were used in the program.
8	districts obtained their vehicles on a free loan basis.
10	districts obtained their vehicles on a daily fee basis.
58	districts obtained their vehicles on a lease or rent basis.
82	districts owned their vehicles.
1	instructor owned and provided vehicles.
2	districts used other means to obtain vehicles.

ACCIDENTS:

11	traffic accidents occurred involving a student driver while in the traffic education vehicle.
0	persons were killed .
0	persons were injured .
\$15,239.97	property damage costs incurred.

COST PER PUPIL:

\$290.29	is the average per pupil cost. (District costs were partially offset by state reimbursement amounting to \$75.00 per pupil)
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* This information was compiled from the 2001-02 Traffic Education Program Surveys completed by all high school districts conducting state-approved traffic education programs during the summer of 2001 and the school year 2001-02. If you have questions, please contact David Huff at (406) 444-4432 or email at dhuff@state.mt.us.